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Calendar

September 21-23

HIARNG Readiness Conference, Wailea Outrigger, Maui.

September 23, Saturday

National Public Land Day, Battery Harlow, Diamond Head, Hawaii
National Guard volunteers, families and friends clearing debris and planting native speices, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

October 9, Monday

Discoverer's Day, federal holiday.

October 18, Wednesday

ESGR Golf Tournament, 12 noon at Leilehua Golf Course.

November 4, Saturday

Kauai Veterans Parade, Kapaa; featuring 111th Army Band and Hawaii Army and Air National Guard marching units.

November 7, Tuesday

Election Day, state holiday.

November 10, Friday

Veterans' Day (holiday observed).

November 23, Thursday

Thanksgiving Day, holiday.

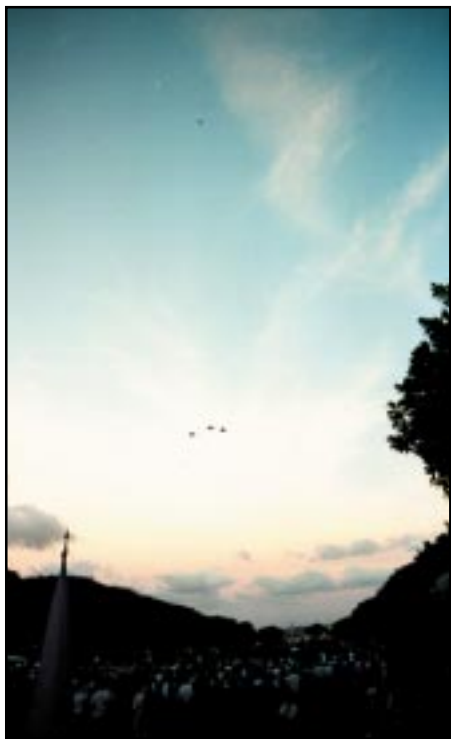
December 9, Saturday

Youth CHalleNGe Academy graduation at Kapolei High School.

December 25, Sunday

Christmas Day.

Hawaii Guard helps salute Medal of Honor recipients



HAWAII GUARD SALUTES HAWAII'S MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS - Four F-15 Eagle jetfighters fly a missing man formation at the sunset memorial ceremony held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl while three Ch-47D Chinook helicopters fly overhead during the parade in Waikiki.

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum

Newly awarded Medal of Honor recipients have been guests of honor in numerous events since their June 21 presentation by President William J. Clinton. The continuing events were highlighted by the weekend salute held Aug. 25-27.

Our Hawaii National Guard and Office of Veterans Services played key roles in the planning and execution of many of the events.

Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band made their annual voyage to march at Kauai's Koloa Day Parade. Yukio Okutsu, Hilo's Medal of Honor recipient, joined his fellow 100th Battalion comrades at the plantation town's parade.

Weekend salute

The weekend salute started with a sunset memorial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, where seven new granite headstones were unveiled. Four Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 Eagles from the 199th Fighter Squadron flew the missing-man formation over Punchbowl honoring the Medal of Honor recipients from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Pfc. Kaoru Moto, Pfc. Masato

"Curly" Nakae, Staff Sgt. Alan Ohata, Pvt. Mikio Hasemoto, Staff Sgt. Robert Kuroda, and Pvt. Shinyei Nakamine; and, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division: Capt. Francis Wai.

Saturday's parade through Waikiki featured a motorcade of the seven surviving recipients: Waianae's Yeiki Kobashigawa, Rudolph Davila from Vista, Calif., Denver's George Sakamoto, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Hilo's Yukio Okutsu, Waipahu's Barney Hajiro, and Pearl City's Shizuya Hayashida. The Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band and three CH-47D Chinook helicopters from Company C, 193rd Aviation, paid tribute to the World War II warriors from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team; Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineers.

Sunday's luncheon, with featured speaker, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, included the Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., as Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's military escort.

Veterans Day ceremonies on all islands will cap off the major salutes to the Medal of Honor recipients this year.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha photos

ESCORT HONOR - Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye is escorted to the head table by Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., the adjutant general, at the luncheon for Hawaii's Medal of Honor recipients hosted by the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce.

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Command Notes

Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr.
The Adjutant General

As we go to print, the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, is getting ready for a change in leadership.

Mahalo Mike

Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice has been commander of the 154th since 1989. He has led the Wing during a period of great change, including the addition of the 203rd Air Refueling and 204th Airlift Squadrons and a major restructuring after the 154th grew into a wing-sized organization from a group. The wing has also participated in a number of worldwide deployments during his tenure, including F-15 deployments to the northern no-fly zone of Iraq and KC-135 participation in Operation ALLIED FORCE, the NATO bombing of Serb targets in and around Kosovo, last year. Through it all, Gen. Tice has been an outstanding leader. We met in 1991, when I came on board full-time as the deputy commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard and became close personal and professional friends during Operation INIKI. During that relief and recovery operation, Tice commanded



Tice

Task Force Hawaii Air National Guard on Kauai. We want to express our thanks to Mike and his wife, Joanne, for their more than 30 years of service to the Hawaii National Guard, and we wish him well in his new assignment as the Reserve Forces Mobilization Assistant to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command. The new assignment will bring a well-deserved promotion to major general.

Aloha Putt

The new wing commander is Col. Albert P. "Putt" Richards. He comes to Hawaii from the California Air National Guard, where he was the commander of the 163rd Air Refueling Wing. Richards entered the Air Force in 1967 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program. After



Richards

graduation from pilot training, he completed flying assignments in Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Germany and the U.S. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1978. He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group and has served at a numbered Air Force, independent agency, and major command headquarters. During the Kosovo conflict, he commanded the largest expeditionary operations group in theater. Richards is a command pilot and has flown more than 5,000 hours including more than 1,200 com-

bat hours in 360 combat missions in Southeast Asia and the Balkans. He brings a wealth of experience to the Hawaii Air Guard, and we look forward to working with him.

State awards congrats

My congratulations go to Jacob Yi, a supervisory accountant with our State Fiscal Office, who has been named the State Department of Defense Employee of the Year. He is the departmental expert in all of the federal and State statutes and policies that effect our financial operations. His grasp of the intricacies of the very complex Federal/State master cooperative agreements recently saved the State approximately \$170,000. He was also instrumental in ensuring that all state computers within our system were Y2K compliant. My congratulations also go to the Hawaii Army National Guard's Environmental Office for winning this year's departmental team award. Paul Lyden, Shirley Zhai, Clarice Chung, Jane Yamamoto and Shelly Ichishita are the State team members. This cadre of environmental specialists is instrumental in instilling an increased sense of awareness



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

SHARING OF IDEAS - Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr. and Edward T. Teixeira, State Civil Defense vice director, share the Hawaii State disaster plans with the State Partnership program general officers from the Philippines and Guam at the State Civil Defense emergency operating center in Diamond Head Crater, in August.

among HIARNG leaders and soldiers through periodic training, infield supervision and monitoring. Currently, the team is in partnership with 20 private, local, state and federal agencies to combat invasive plants and animals threatening Hawaii's indigenous species. The state team is part of the total HIARNG environmental team that has recently garnered several national awards.

Annual gift of Aloha encouraged

The Combined Federal Campaign and the Aloha United Way campaign will be kicking off soon. The CFC is a way for federal employees to contribute to more than 60 charitable and community agencies that help the people of Hawaii. The CFC runs from September 15 through October 26. Last year, we collected more than \$189,000 for the CFC. As we go to print, we are in the process of determining our goal for

2000. The AUW is similar to CFC, but is predominantly for state employees. This year's AUW campaign runs from Sept. 12 to Oct. 27, and our departmental AUW goal is \$18,000. Organizers hope to raise \$660,000 statewide. I urge everyone to give as generously as they can.

Kalaeloa move

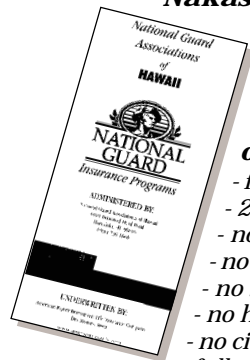
I'd like to say a few words about our move to Kalaeloa. There is an article on page 3 predominately featuring the Organizational Maintenance Shop #1. The OMS is just one of several units and offices that have been working very hard to make the move to the former Barbers Point a success. Not everything in our facilities was fully operational, and there was a lot of "tidying up" that needed to be done. I want to express a big mahalo to everyone for their patience and their positive, can-do attitude.

Departmental News



Hawaii National Guard Insurance Program benefits all members

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DoD to survey Reservists, spouses

Between now and November, the Department of Defense is conducting a satisfaction survey of military Reserve force personnel and their spouses. A survey questionnaire is being mailed to 75,000 Reserve and National Guard members. A different questionnaire is being sent to 43,000 spouses.

"The surveys are an important tool because, in recent years, the increased use of the National Guard and Reserve has resulted in many of these personnel spending more time away from their families and full-time civilian employment," said Charles L. Cragin, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "They also face the real possibility of being called to active duty for ex-

tended periods, creating some unique quality-of-life concerns."

There are 863,698 personnel serving as Selected Reservists in the seven Reserve forces.

The findings from these surveys to address reservists' concerns and inform policy officials about unit and family readiness issues, military job satisfaction and mobilization experiences will be published and available on the World Wide Web by the Spring of 2001.

For more information, please call the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs - Army National Guard Lt. Col. Terry Jones at (703) 695-3620. For more information on the Reserve and National Guard, visit the Reserve Affairs web site at <http://raweb.osd.mil>.



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Hawaii Army Guard makes major move to Kalaeloa

Story & photos by Capt. Charles J. Anthony

Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers have been settling into their new home at Kalaeloa, formerly known as Barbers Point Naval Air Station. Although there have been a few minor difficulties, almost everyone working there now is very enthusiastic about the move.

Room to grow

"We love it here. We've now got a lot of space to work in," said Chief Warrant Officer Owen Takenaka, who oversees the Organizational Maintenance Shop #1. The OMS #1 moved into Building 117 at Kalaeloa in July. The building is a cavernous 200,000 square foot structure once used by the U.S. Navy as a P-3 Orion aircraft hangar. "We've got at least twice the amount of space as we had inside Diamond Head, which makes our operations here much more efficient," added Takenaka.

The OMS workers have been temporarily doing without telephone and RCAS service before new cable is laid, but soldier after soldier agreed that the long-term benefits of their new facilities far outweigh any current inconvenience. One big advantage is that most of the OMS staff live within close commuting dis-

tance of Kalaeloa. Sgt. Walter Kotrys, who lives in Makaha, used to leave for work at 4:30 a.m. to beat the traffic heading for Diamond Head. Now, in addition to saving money on gas, he can leave home at a more reasonable 6:00 a.m. "But the best thing is the unit activities—they can't be beat," said Kotrys. "We have a team-building family get together every Tuesday evening at the beach, with barbecues and surfing," said Kotrys.

One goal of Takenaka is to make the OMS #1 easily accessible to drill-status personnel. "If soldiers need to make up drill, they can work side-by-side with full-timers during the week," said Takenaka. "That way, they can get even more personalized supervision, and with their help, more vehicles are ready for the drill weekend." OMS #1 provides maintenance support for about 400 vehicles belonging to the Headquarters, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade; the 29th Support Battalion; the 12th Personnel Services Detachment; and, the 1st Battalion, 196th Infantry Brigade.

Airfield shortens travel time, more time for training

Lt. Col. Raymond Jardine Jr., the brigade's executive officer, is also very pleased with the

move to Kalaeloa. Brigade headquarters staff started moving into Building 1898 in June. "Because we have access to the airfield and a tarmac that practically goes all the way up to our facilities, we can move soldiers from the neighbor islands through here that much quicker. More time is spent on training and less time on travel," said Jardine. During annual training, soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, flew to Oahu aboard Hawaii Air National Guard C-130s, then billeted at the Kalaeloa facilities before moving into the field at Schofield Barracks.

Base reconditioning on track

Lt. Col. Richard S.W. Young, HIARNG facilities management officer, said RCAS and telephone service is on schedule to be installed at the OMS #1, 12th PSD, the 229th Military Intelligence Company, and Det. 4 in October. "Minor renovations have been completed for the brigade, support battalion and OMS," said Young. "Minor landscaping has begun, and major construction for Building 117 is expected to begin by 2005," added Young. The Hawaii Army National Guard will be spending some \$100 million over the next 10 years to upgrade its Kalaeloa facilities.

NEW HOME, SAME MISSION - Master Sgt. Colin Brede, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, checks the fluids in the humvee.



In Memoriam

Maj. Barry M. Castellano
February 16, 1956 to July 22, 2000
Maj. Castellano, 44, a traditional Guardsman, passed away July 22. He was commander of the 293rd Combat Communications Squadron. Services with full military honors were held at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. Castellano joined the Hawaii Air National Guard in 1985.

A portrait of Maj. Barry M. Castellano, a man with glasses wearing a colorful lei and a military uniform.

More Departmental News

DoD employees recognized

The August DoD awards/retirement luncheon recognized the department's best and brightest for year 2000.

Jacob J.Y. Yi, a supervisory accountant with the State DoD's Fiscal Office was presented the Adjutant General's Award for department employee of the year and goes on as our nominee for the governor's state employee of the year event held in late September. Others up for the TAG's award were Norman T. Ishikawa (State Civil Defense), John Kahue (Engineering Office), Karen Kagawa (Hawaii Army National Guard Personnel Office), and Clarice Chung, Shirley Zhai and Paul Lyden (Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office).

The Army Guard's Environmental Office nominees were also part of the DoD State Team of the year, that also included Jane Yamamoto and Shelly Ichishita. The team will represent the department at the governor's awards.



Yi

Rounding out the program was the honoring of retirees Chief Master Sgt. Reginald K.Q. Chun, 154th Maintenance Squadron; Chief Master Sgt. Thomas F. Hirao, 154th Logistics Group; Master Sgt. Vann C. Camacho, Organizational Maintenance Shop #1; and, Staff Sgt. Robert Chock, 298th Engineer Detachment. Chock is the first Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) retiree to be recognized during all the years the awards/retirement luncheon has been held.

Counterdrug Program wins Western States award

The Hawaii National Guard Counterdrug Program was recognized as the agency with the highest degree of interagency support and cooperation in facilitating drug issues in Hawaii in 1999 by the Western States Information Network.

"The Hawaii Guard has stepped forward in the struggle against illicit drugs and has dem-



DoD STATE TEAM - Shirley Zhai, Jane Yamamoto, Paul Lyden, Shelly Ichishita, and Clarice Chung of the Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office.

onstrated a commitment and a willingness to be involved," said Kenneth Tanno, the Hawaii WISN regional coordinator.

The Guard's Counterdrug Program is looked upon as a partner, with many areas of expertise to bring to the table in supporting law enforcement strategies. The Guard has had a presence in almost every major narcotics enforcement investigation within recent months in Hawaii.

Hawaii Guard support has been outstanding and demonstrates a real involvement and commitment in the following areas: the Cannabis Eradication Program; air and ground transportation support in moving law enforcement personnel

and equipment for various missions, cargo and mail inspection support to U.S. Customs; aerial reconnaissance and observation through the Reconnaissance Aerial Interdiction Detachment; and, technical support from National Guard analysts assigned to each of the major law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

"The demand reduction program, Youth CHallenge, are models for success," adds Michael Carvalho, WISN policy board member. "It clearly illustrates a deep concern for the people of Hawaii and sends a clear message that the National Guard is genuinely interested in making our communities better places to live in."

DoD supports

school supplies fund-raiser

The *Ready to Learn*, school supplies campaign, was \$3,256 richer from contributions by the employees and extended family members of the Hawaii State Department of Defense.

Ready to Learn, chaired by U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye and his wife, Maggie, provides new school supplies for Hawaii's needy children during the beginning of a new school year.

The department, which includes the Hawaii National Guard, State Civil Defense and the Office of Veterans Services, also contributed three boxes and a truckload of supplies.

Free computer training by Hawaii Guard

Free Hawaii National Guard computer training classes, held for Hawaii Guard and Hawaii Department of Defense

members and their families at the Pearl City complex, are filling up quickly so sign up now!

The class schedules run from September through December at the Ordnance Training Battalion, Regional Training Site-Maintenance facility in the Waiawa industrial area of Pearl City.

All of the one-day four-hour classes are being held from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Beginning Windows
Tues: Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 2

Beginning Word 97
Thurs: Sept 21, Oct 26, Dec 12

Intermediate Word 97
Thurs: Nov. 30, Dec. 19

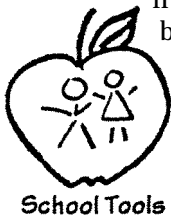
MS Power Point 97
Thurs: Sept. 14, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 21

Beginning Excel 97
Tues: Sept. 12, Nov. 28, Thurs: Oct. 12

MS Outlook 98
Tues: Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Dec. 5

Beginning Access 97
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Call between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 453-5927 or 28 to reserve a seat.



Soldiers continue engineering projects off island

By Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra

Hawaii Army National Guard's 298th Engineer Detachment and 227th Engineer Company (Combat) deployed for construction and repair missions off island this year.

During the first weeks of June, the Pearl City-based 298th flew to Hilo to continue its on-going mission of renovation and construction of facilities at the Keaukaha Military Reservation in Hilo.

The Pearl City-Hilo-based 227th flew to San Diego, Calif., to work on fences and roads along the Mexican border during the latter of June.

Home improvements made at Hilo Guard facility

The 298th Engineer Detachment deployed carpenters, masons, electricians and plumbers to the Big Island facility.

Their primary mission: improvements at the KMR billeting area, the primary consolidation and staging point for units that plan to train in the Hilo, as well as the Pohakuloa Training Area. The area, also used by active military components and civilian organizations such as Boy and Girl Scouts and the Civil Air Patrol, could house more than 250 personnel.

The engineers have made the KMR projects a regular part of their training schedule, usually performing upgrades and repairs in the islands one year then training overseas the following year.

Capt. Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, the unit's commander who deployed for his first time with the detachment, was impressed with the working conditions at the Hilo facility, as well as the soldiers' attitudes.

"I do notice a difference in this unit. The members are not just tight professionally, but personally. There is more of an ohana (family) atmosphere because they work together but also hang out together," he said.

Mitsuyoshi, who is also the Hawaii Guard full-time engineering officer, said the soldiers also enjoy helping out the Guard units at home because of the appreciation they receive.

Maj. Darryl Lindsey, the facility manager at KMR, said, "they are doing a good job, I am impressed. It is a worthwhile arrangement because they get training and, this year, are saving us more than \$7,000. Other projects included replacing sinks and plumbing at billeting bathrooms, replacing light pole fixtures and lamps, repairing roofs, pouring a cement driveway, grading service roads, and clearing debris from roadsides."

"We receive good and practical training, as well as helping out the department," said Mitsuyoshi. "Many units will benefit from our efforts."

California-Mexico border project continues

For the second time, the 227th Engineer Company deployed to San Diego's Camp Morena to lend their hand to an ongoing project of building a more secure border between the U.S. and Mexico.

The 227th's mission was to continue the previous efforts of servicemembers from around the nation. Their assignments included replacing the old, rusty, barbed wire border with a 10-foot tall fence made of prefabricated steel landing mat, as well as cutting and filling the former spiderweb of eroded trails



Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra

TO THE POINT - *Spc. Nathan T. Taylan, an electrician with the 298th Engineer Detachment, attaches a new lighting fixture in the Keaukaha Military Reservation's maintenance building.*



Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa

SUITABLE FOR FRAMING - *298th Engineer Detachment soldiers construct a 20-person hooch on the grounds of the Keaukaha Military Reservation during annual training.*

into an all-weather road system. The contributions made by Hawaii's combat engineers and other units have aided the California National Guard's counter-drug program and the U.S. Border Patrol in the war against drugs and smuggling of other illegal contraband.

To combat this problem of nationwide importance, active and reserve units from around the country have come together with the plan of halting outside drug traffic before it can even hit our streets.

Over one million illegal immigrants come to America every year, mostly from Mexico, Central America and China, according to a *Time* magazine article entitled "Border Clash." This flood of people produces economic problems for our government, but the main concern is the drug traffic that slips through our borders.

Capt. Jeffrey Kawakami, 227th commander and a Hawaii Guard counterdrug official, said, "this program is not to deter legal immigration, but to deter drug smugglers. We want to prevent bringing in drugs, guns or anything illegal."

A key element in this effort is to establish better barriers around the U.S. The California Innovative Readiness Training or Task Force Grizzly is the National Guard operation currently charged with upgrading the border between California and Mexico, a task that requires aid from all over the country.

According to Chief Warrant Officer David Clark, former operations officer of TF Grizzly, approximately 20 National Guard units with various specialties participate in the operation yearly.

"The training opportunity is a win-win situation . . . everyone does their part," said Sgt. Mark Powell, a contractor from Hilo.

However, the atmosphere on the border was not entirely relaxed. One platoon working on the borderline was forced to shut down for a period of time when Mexican nationals began throwing rocks at the soldiers from across the border, but due to a quick response to the incident, no injuries or serious damage to equipment occurred.

"It was scary because if they can throw rocks, they can shoot you," said Spc. Jed Uson, a full-time student at Leeward Community College, who was working on the border.

"This is real," explained Kawakami. "This is the closest that a unit can come to a deployment in another country without actually deploying to another country, because you come across all the same situations. You have international incidents that can happen."

"The fence and road the Hawaii National Guard and the other units before them have built has decreased the amount of crimes because it allows the border patrol to respond to areas of incident quickly, rapidly, and safely," said Clark. "San Diego used to be the busiest sector for arrests within border patrol. It is no longer."

According to Clark, officials confiscate over one ton of drugs a month across the nation. However, this is only an estimated 8-13 percent of the drugs that make it through.

"This is not just a California project," said Clark. "We will probably wind up going across the four border states (Arizona, New Mexico and Texas)."

Based on the success of the border project, the enthusiasm of the Hawaii engineers and the large amount of work left, the Hawaii unit will most likely return in years to come.



Pfc. Brandon T. Bocanegra photos

LONG AND WINDING WALL - *Soldiers from the 227th Engineer Company (Combat) construct a 10-foot tall fence along the California-Mexico border. The engineers, from Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii, welded "old" prefabricated Navy steel landing mats.*

Annual Training 2000 HAWAIIAN STYLE



Hawaii's Army National Guard trained in numerous locations this summer, including the Big Island of Hawaii, Oahu, California and Wisconsin.

Our engineers were in Hilo, Hawaii, and Camp Morena, San Diego, Calif., in June (see story on page 4). Second Battalion, 299th Infantry soldiers from the neighbor islands came to Oahu to train with Company D at Schofield Barrack's East Range, while 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery visited their second home at the Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawaii.

The 29th Support Battalion's Company C performed missions at Tripler Army Medical Center and still had time to host an open house with St. Timothy's Pre-School. Company A was able to beef up their driver training and work on their vehicle upgrades and reconditioning.

103rd Troop Command's aviation units provided aviation support at PTA as well as fire suppression missions in central Oahu. The 12th Personnel Services Detachment deployed to Exercise SILVER SCIMITAR at Fort McCoy, Wis., where they participated in a simulated personnel mission in hostile Middle East country.

Capt. Steve C. Lai

COVER OF SMOKE - *Spc. Fabian M. Bugtong, from Maui's Company C, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, picks up his team's M249 Squad Automatic Weapon and continues the assault when his gunner was "taken out of action."*



Capt. Steve C. Lai

READY FOR ACTION - *Sgt. Roger A. Balaan and Spc. Domie A. Tolentino, from Kapaa, Kauai's Company A, 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry, train at Schofield Barrack's East Range.*



Staff Sgt. Curtis H. Matsushige

BEDSIDE MANNERS - *Spc. Lorie Rivera, in maternity BDUs, measures the temperature and monitors the vital signs of retired Naval officer Carl Hokenson Jr., while Spc. Jason Hines checks on the additional readings picked up by the sensors at Tripler Army Medical Center. The soldiers are from Company C, 29th Support Battalion.*



Staff Sgt. Curtis H. Matsushige

BY THE BOOK - *Spc. Jake Pascua takes his cues from Spc. Kalani Hamilton as they adjust their rig during training on the Palletized Load System in June. Both soldiers are electronic warfare/intercept system maintenance technicians with Company A (Supply and Transportation), 29th Support Battalion.*



Sgt. 1st Class

Wayne T. Iha photos

BIG BANG - *Maj. Gen. Edward L. Correa Jr., the adjutant general, and State Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon A. Nakasone, visit with the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, at Pohakuloa Training Area, in August.*



GETTING TO THE POINT - *Capt. Wesley Tanji, 12th Personnel Services Detachment commander, briefs "hot spots" during Exercise SILVER SCIMITAR at Fort McCoy, Wis., in August.*



Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa

SAFETY CHECK - *Master Sgt. Darren Morris, a loadmaster with the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron checks the secureness of a payload on the C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft before it's airdropped to 29th Support Battalion crew on the ground in Schofield Barracks East Range. The 204th also provides airdrop and parachute training for the active component's 25th Infantry Division (Light).*



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Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office

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Hike into Waianae ridge educates campers

Trae Menard, a field ecologist with the award winning Hawaii Army National Guard Environmental Office, brought the idea of taking care of our aina (land) home during a June two-mile hike in the hills of Waianae above Nanakuli. Sixty campers and volunteers strung out through the trail which included rough and steep terrain with rope guidelines to maintain safety.

Menard shared how the native forest of Sandalwood trees were cut down by loggers in the late 1800's and were finally reforested by the fast growing Australian Eucalyptus tree by the federal government's civilian conservation core of the early 1900's. Unfortunately, the



Australian trees are flammable and suppress the growth of the native plants.

At the end of the trail, the happy hikers were treated to a breathtaking view of the Waianae Coast's Nanakuli valley.



IN GOOD COMPANY - Hawaii Guard's first lady, JoJo Correa (in photo on the left) joins the other hikers through the Waianae hills.



FIRST STEPS - Trae Menard and other Guard volunteers lead the Hawaii National Guard youth campers on an environmental hike through the Waianae hills. He instructs the hikers to clean their shoes on the brushes at the entry way to the trail so they do not track non-indigenous seedlings (weeds) into the sensitive environment.

Sgt. Wendy M. Hirasa photos



Hawaii National Guard Family Program

Story and photos by Sgt.
Wendy M. Hiras

Tying in with this year's military Year of the Family theme, the Hawaii National Guard began its first Youth Camp, June 23 to 25, at Camp Timberline, Makakilo. Forty-five kids, ages 8-14, from Oahu, Kauai and Hawaii participated in activities to better understand what their families do in the National Guard.

Lt. Col. Marty St. Louis, family program coordinator, led a group of enthusiastic volunteers including individuals from the State Team, Hawaii Air and Army Guard, and Girl Scouts.

State Family Program Advisory Team members include JoJo Correa, Marilyn Tolentino, Roberta Agena, JoAnne Yamamoto, Liz Taga, Harriet Kuni, and Bobbie Kito-Hong. Guard members were led by Sgt. 1st Class Palmyra Hethcote and Master Sgt. Rose Vendiola.

Joy Hokama, wife of 111th Army Band's Sgt. Charles Hokama, and her Girl Scouts Troop #654 worked on the Youth Camp as their project to help them earn their Girl Scouts Gold Award.

The camp program was structured to teach discipline and teamwork and educate the kids about the military way of life. This was accomplished through a variety of activities in a fun and nurturing environment.

**Lt. Col. Martha "Marty" St. Louis
State Family Support Coordinator**

A bugle call at the crack of dawn awoke the campers.

The campers worked shifts serving one another at kitchen patrol duty.

Each squad, to include the Opihi, Honu, Nene, Manos and Pueos, made guidons (flags) to represent their units. Working together, each squad member had a hand in contributing to the design, and drawing and coloring the flag.

Adult squad leaders include Staff Sgt. Aaron Kito-Hong, Leonard Wong, Tech. Sgt. Nolan Faildo, Sgt. Kenneth Kauaauhau, Gabryel Tolentino, Harriet Kahi, Neil Yamamoto, and Sgt. 1st Class Palmyra Hethcote.

Campers hike up Waianae ridge

The environmental hike was a two-mile round trip up into the Waianae mountains (see hiking story on previous page).

Prior to the hike, the staff taught the kids the importance of proper hydration and stretching; and, how to make healthy snacks of dried papaya, nuts, peanut butter, coconut and other ingredients to nourish them for the hike.

Campfire held at Sunrise Chapel

Storytelling and singing around the campfire at Sunrise Chapel were activities led by Kimo Palakiko, Air Guard spouse and Hethcote.

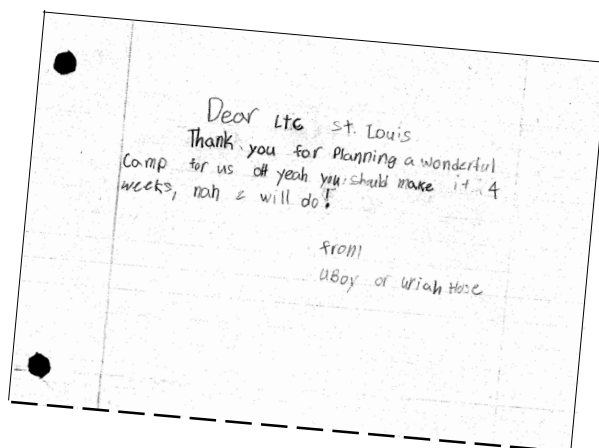
Marshmallows were roasted over the open fire by the Girl Scout's staff for the s'more treats.

Face painting taught

Camouflage techniques were taught by Kauaauhau and St. Louis by demonstrating on their own faces. The kids were given camo sticks to try it, too. Their eager faces were ready to paint. They immediately painted their faces and helped one another out.

Keeping busy

Other activities included eating



Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's), compass reading and a scavenger hunt, M-16 rifle firing simulation, swimming, setting up a tent, team building exercises (low ropes course led by Camp Timberline staff), excursion to the Solar Observatory (where information was shared about the sun), knot tying and craft activities.

Camp closer

For the final event, St. Louis led the campers through a final pass and review before Brig. Gen.



TEAM-BUILDING-
Older campers are taught through the "Blind Trust Walk" and "Nitro Crossing" the importance of cooperation and communication in order to accomplish their assigned missions.



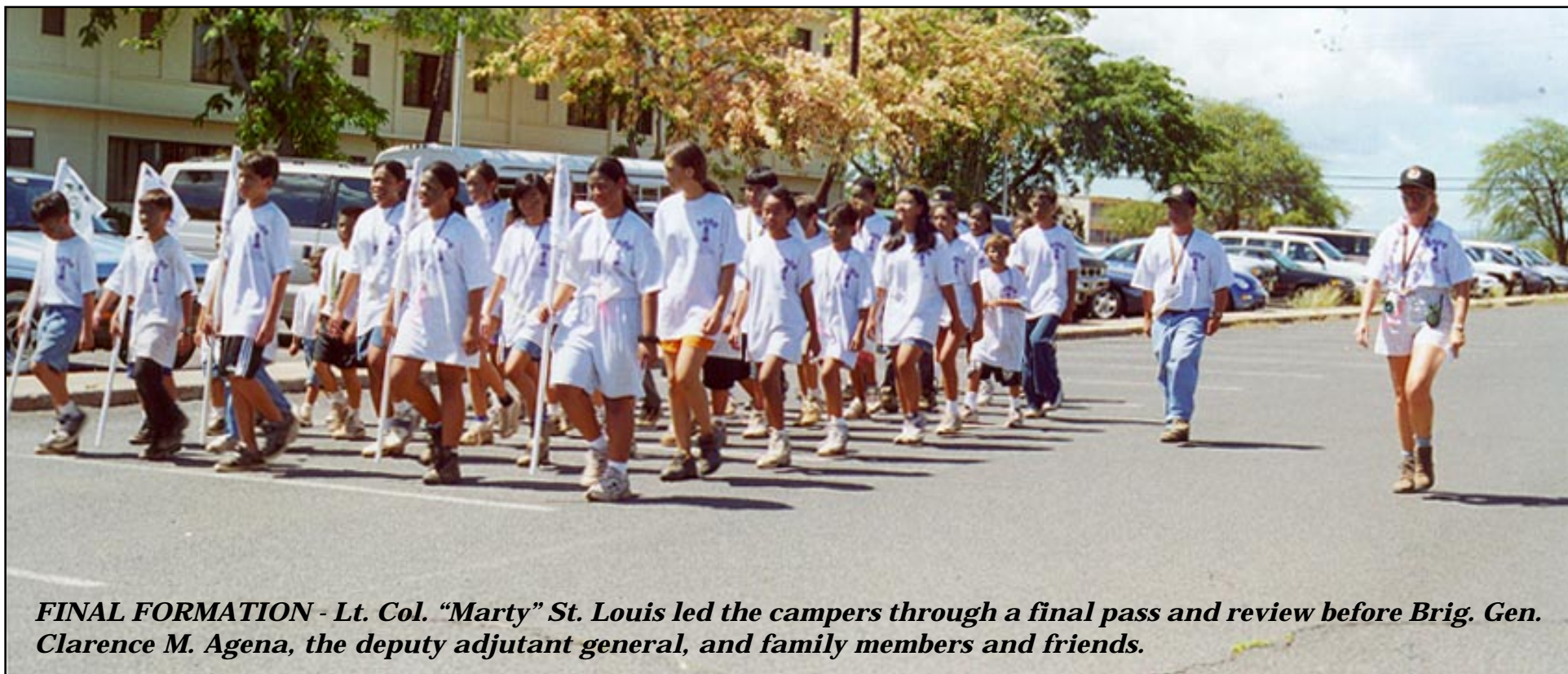
READY-SET-FIRE-
The M-16 rifle was introduced to the older campers in a Nintendo simulated target practice game. The older kids took turns testing their marksmanship skills.



HIKE PREP - Campers prepare healthy snacks of dried papaya, nuts, peanut butter, coconut and other ingredients.



CAMPFIRE TALES - Kimo Palakiko, Air Guard spouse, shares stories at the Sunrise Chapel fire pit.



FINAL FORMATION - Lt. Col. "Marty" St. Louis led the campers through a final pass and review before Brig. Gen. Clarence M. Agena, the deputy adjutant general, and family members and friends.

Awards and Recognition

Members and units of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard were recently presented with awards in recognition of their outstanding performance.

*Aviation Intermediate Maintenance: AVIM
Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team: CECAT
Company: Co.
Detachment: Det.
Hawaii Air National Guard: HIANG
Headquarters: HQ
Headquarters & Headquarters Company: HHC
Headquarters & Headquarters Service Battery: HHSB
Oak Leaf Cluster: OLC
Reconnaissance & Intrastate Detachment: RAID
State Area Command: STARC*

Meritorious Service Medal
Col. John R. Penebacker, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Col. Nathan A.K. Wong, Det. 4, Medical Det., HQ STARC
Lt. Col. Alan S. Igarashi, HQ STARC
Lt. Col. Bruce A. Jahnke, 298th Regiment-Regional Training Institute
Lt. Col. Eldon P. Kaopua, HQ STARC
Lt. Col. Russell Miyake, 103rd Troop Command
Lt. Col. Bruce E. Olivera, 25th Infantry Division Det. (Rear Operations Cell) (1st OLC)
Lt. Col. Daniel R. Oshiro, 103rd Troop Command (2nd OLC)
Lt. Col. Charles K. Sakamoto, Det. 4, Medical Det., HQ STARC
Maj. Herman D. Ancheta, HQ STARC
Maj. William L. Casey Jr, HHC, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade
Maj. Ronald P. Han Jr., 154th Logistics Squadron
Maj. Jeffrey J. Protacio, Co. C, 193rd Aviation
Maj. Aika G. Watts, Ordnance Training Battalion, Regional Training Site-Maintenance
Capt. Tamahlani S. Nakamoto, 154th Wing (1st OLC)
Chief Warrant Officer Fred F. Guitang, 103rd Troop Command
Chief Warrant Officer John E. Sharley, Co. C, 193rd Aviation
Chief Warrant Officer Gerald S. Shigemura, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Chief Warrant Officer Albert T. Suzuki, HHD, STARC (1st OLC)
Chief Warrant Officer Michael Y. Hayashida, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry Command Sgt. Maj. Vernon A. Nakasone, HQ STARC
1st Sgt. Melvin N. Miyashiro, 111th Army Band
Chief Master Sgt. Moses K. Akana, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron
Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth M. Morimoto, 154th Logistics Group
Master Sgt. Wendell M.

Hatami, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
Master Sgt. Robert N. Inouye, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)
Senior Master Sgt. Robert T. Katayama, 297th Air Traffic Control Squadron
Sgt. 1st Class Robert W.K. Chang, 111th Army Band
Sgt. 1st Class David T. Ferreira, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry
Sgt. 1st Class Melelini, 103rd Troop Command (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Clarence S. Go, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry
Sgt. 1st Class Dean Norwood, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Staff Sgt. Ballugui Vinluan, 111th Army Band
Sgt. Kevin K. Becera, Co. B, 29th Support Battalion
Sgt. Stuart J. Hayashi, 111th Army Band
Sgt. George L. Kaapana III, Co. C. (Medical), 29th Support Battalion

Army Commendation Medal
Maj. JeffreyJ. Protacio, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Capt. Kenneth S. Hara, 103rd Troop Command (5th OLC)
Chief Warrant Officer Edwin G. Parubrub, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Master Sgt. Shirley N. Bryant, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Ben Y. Madeira, Recruiting & Retention, HQ STARC (4th OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Milton W.M. Yee, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry (1st OLC)
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Zavala, HQ STARC (3rd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Lisa A. Dias, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
Sgt. Alfredo B. Buccat, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
Spc. Mark L. Nobori, Co. C. (Medical), 29th Support Battalion

Air Force Commendation Medal
Master Sgt. Miles K. Moriyama, 154th Aircraft Generation Squadron
Master Sgt. Brian A. Tom, 154th Wing
Tech. Sgt. Misael C. Balayan, HQ HIANG
Tech. Sgt. Glenda M. Buis, 154th Wing (1st OLC)
Tech Sgt. Frederick R. Denault, 154th Wing

Army Achievement Medal
1st Lt. Richard Mendez, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
2nd Lt. John Huey, HHSB, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
Sgt. 1st Class Ben Y. Madeira, HQ STARC (6th OLC)
Chief Warrant Officer Allen Sakamoto, HQ STARC (2nd OLC)
Staff Sgt. Ernie B. Pigao, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (3rd OLC)
Sgt. John N. Kaina Jr., Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)

Sgt. Greg K. Miyashiro, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
Spc. Matthew Dela Cruz, HQ, 298th Regiment, RTI (1st OLC)
Spc. Rely M. Fernandez, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
Spc. Frank L. Lessary, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)
Spc. Krista F. McWhorter, Det. 4, Medical Det.
Spc. Byron Napoleon, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery (1st OLC)
Spc. Vincent S. Oliver, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery
Spc. Edy J. Pagala, HQ STARC (1st OLC)
Spc. Derek Valente, Co. C, 29th Support Battalion (1st OLC)
Spc. Lionel Villarmia, HQ, 298th Regimental, Regional Training Institute (1st OLC)

Air Force Achievement Medal
Senior Airman Deborah L. Weidner, 154th WIng

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit
Col. Bruce K. Ladeira, State of Hawaii DoD

Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal
Lt. Col. Leslie I. Bise, HQ STARC
Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce R. Mehninger, HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Sgt. Maj. Patrick T. Hammond Sr., HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Master Sgt. Alfred W. Keller, HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Master Sgt. Harry C. Miller, HQ STARC
Sgt. 1st Class Eddie L. Dobbins, HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Sgt. 1st Class Richard Rodriguez, HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Sgt. 1st Class Christopher J. Samp, HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Zavala, HQ STARC
Spc. Jeremiah S. Ellington, HQ, 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
HING State Family Program, State Advisory Team:
Roberta Agena
Bernadine K. Kahalehoe
Barbara Kito-Hong
Harriet Kuni
Carol Manuel
Joyce Silva
Marilyn Tolentino
JoAnne Yamamoto
Michael Milliman, civilian technician for C-26, from Fairchild Aerospace
Staci-Ann Saito, HQ STARC, McKinley High School volunteer

Excellence in Federal Government recognized

Excellence in Federal Government Awards, held at the Sheraton Waikiki in June, celebrated the accomplishments of the Hawaii-based federal employees and private citizens. Hawaii's Department of Defense recognized:

• **Andrew M. Jamila Jr.**, citizen of the year – Waimanalo Construction Coalition-seeks to assist the unemployed and underemployed through interactive relationships with government and business. Jamila's networking and frank representation of community needs resulted in the Hawaii National Guard providing community members computer classes and instruction on federal licensing and bidding requirements.

• **Master Sgt. Preston Nishie**, HIANG federal employee of the year (professional, administrative, technical) – Nishie, an outstanding air technician, natural leader and outstanding role model who reflects the highest standards, qualified in multiple duty positions with the Hawaii Region Operations Center, his initiatives, dedication to duty, and high performance standards truly reflect in the consistent outstanding ratings overall earned by him and his unit.

• **Sgt. Margaret U. Tatum**, HIARNG federal employee of the year (clerical and assistant) – Tatum is the technical expert on enlisted personnel matters. During the past year, she was instrumental in the development and implementation of the enlisted personnel system, acted as the liaison to the basic trainees, and managed all enlisted boards. Her contributions were invaluable to the soldiers.

• **Lt. Col. Ronald R. Swafford**, federal manager of the year – Swafford, as the HIARNG's

environmental specialist, was instrumental in striking a balance between military training and protection of Hawaii's fragile environment. His environmental stewardship has received national acclaim and local recognition.

• **Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey H. Ko**, HIARNG exceptional community service – During the American Airlines Flight 1420 crash, Ko distinguished himself through exemplary heroic actions by voluntarily saving the life of an injured man by carrying him from the burning aircraft into relative safety and protecting him from shock and the elements until properly relieved by responding emergency personnel.

• **Staff Sgt. Manuel E. Viduya**, HIARNG enlisted service member – Viduya was recognized by the Chief of Staff of the Army as the outstanding unit level supply sergeant for 1999. In addition to providing a well orchestrated, technically proficient supply operation, he devoted much of his personnel time mentoring soldiers within his area of influence.

• **Chief Warrant Officer Albert T. Suzuki**, military officer of the year – Suzuki's focus on developing user-friendly computer application programs resulted in manpower savings through the elimination of duplicate paper files, remote retrieval of records, and refinement of record access by commands. His efforts contributed immensely to the personnel readiness of the HIARNG.

• **Environmental Office**, HIARNG federal organizational excellence – The HIARNG's Environmental Office has creatively used its limited resources and personnel to develop environmental expertise and partnerships. Through the office's dedication, it has balanced the military training needs of its parent organization with the diverse environmental conservation of its various training sites across the state.



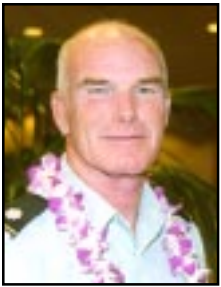
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Nishie



Tatum



Swafford



Suzuki



Senior Airman Kristen Higgins

EXCHANGING HANDS IN JULY - Lt. Col. Edward "Skip" Vincent, new commander of the 154th Support Group salutes 154th Wing commander Brig. Gen. Michael H. Tice, as outgoing 154 Support Group commander and new wing vice commander Col. Richard C. Hastings Jr. looks on.

Training Schedule			
Listed below are the inactive duty training dates for all Hawaii Army and Air National Guard units. Dates for subordinate units are the same as their parent headquarters, unless otherwise indicated. All dates are subject to change.			
Hawaii Army National Guard	Oct	Nov	Dec
HQ, State Area Command (STARC)	14-15	4-5	2-3
29th Separate Infantry Brigade	14-15	4-5	2-3
2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry	14-15	4-5	2-3
227th Engineer Co.	14-15	3-5	2-3
29th Support Battalion	7-8	17-19	2-3
103rd Troop Command	14-15	4-5	2-3
Hawaii Air National Guard			
HQ, Hawaii Air National Guard	14-15	4-5	2-3
154th Wing	14-15	4-5	2-3
201st Combat Communications Group	14-15	4-5	2-3